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1. The former German army barracks in Geraerstrasse and Wienerstrasse, Zeitz, are now occupied by Soviet artillery and armored units. On 23 and 24 Sep 53, 40 brand new tanks of the Stalin II type arrived at the railway freight station in Aue, and were brought into the barracks at night. The tank side walls appeared to have a rough concrete-like coating about 2 cm thick, and a searchlight was attached to the lower part of the turret, under the gun, but this was covered during the unloading.
2. Between Zeitz and Drossdorf, on the road to Gera, are three former ammunition bunkers of the German Army which have stood empty for a long time. They have now been refitted and since 25 Sep 53 trucks have been bringing 105 and 125 mm shells there from the Aue freight station. The shells were brought to Aue by a train of 23 freight cars bearing inscriptions in Polish and two passenger coaches for the guards.
3. The ammunition bunker on the way to Bergisdorf is likewise being reconditioned. Building or tillage at the former antiaircraft emplacement in the Kuhndorfital at Kuhndorf is forbidden by the Soviet authority.
4. At the barracks in Zeitz a new block left of Wienerstrasse (looking towards Gera) has been cleared out and a radio unit quartered there. What appears to be a large sending station is installed there; a number of transmitters about 1.8 meters high were unloaded.

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5. The headquarters of the troops in Zeitz is in Robert Kochstrasse. Subordinate centers are located in Rontgebstrasse, Virchowstrasse, Zeppelinstrasse, and Dimitroffstrasse in the Villa Donalies.
6. Objects referred to in this report are indicated on the attached map as follows:
/Available on loan from the CIA Library is a map marked as follows:
I. indicates the area occupied by Soviet troops;
II. indicates the occupied ammunition bunkers;
III. is the approximate location of the former antiaircraft position. 7

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